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truth - in science.

M. J. Ruffin.

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My dear Sir:

I thank you very much for the copy of Mr. Craig B. Hazlewood's address which you kindly sent me. It certainly offers most interesting reading. I thank you also for your generous reference to my autobiography.

My health is not as good as it might be and I am advised to abstain for the present from all serious mental efforts. Hence, I cannot, at the present time, comply with your request to give you a brief statement indicating what in my opinion are the essentials which lead to a successful life, particularly as they apply to young men and women. Edison was once asked that question, and he answered: "Don't watch the clock." By that he meant: Work, work, work until your job is finished, no matter how long a time it may take you. Work is certainly the most essential element in our struggle for success.

Yours very sincerely,

DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST



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